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about the exclusion of Pre-Vocational Instructors from the former increment of Rs. 2 and the present increment of Rs. 3 given to elementary school teachers; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Government are examining the matter."

Import of transformers.

* 250 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of transformers purchased by Government from outside the country for use in this State; and

(*b*) the amount spent for the same?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) 807 transformers during the period from 1947 to 1954.

" (*b*) Rs. 1·56 crores."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" ஸார், பங்களூரிலேயே குறைவான விலையில் நல்ல ட்ரான்ஸ்பார்மர்களைத் தயாரிக்க வாய்ப்பு இருக்கும்போது வெளிநாடுகளிலிருந்து இன்னும் என் அவைகள் இறக்குமதி செய்யப்பட வேண்டும் ? நாட்டின் தேவைக்கேற்ப ட்ரான்ஸ்பார்மர்களை இந்த நாட்டிலேயே உற்பத்தி செய்வதற்கு சர்க்காரிடம் திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, we have to import transformers from abroad because in India they do not manufacture transformers above the capacity of 300 K.W.A. About transformers with a lesser capacity than this that are manufactured in India, there is complaint from the Department. We have made representations to the Government of India that they are not very reliable. That is the reason, Sir. As for producing them here itself more efficiently, we are not the authority concerned with that, Sir."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஸார், மேட்டூர் இண்டஸ்ட்ரீசிலேயே இப்படிப்பட்ட ட்ரான்ஸ்பார்மர்களை உற்பத்தி செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஆலோசிப்பார்களா ? இது விஷயமாக மத்திய சர்க்காருடன் சென்னை சர்க்கார் கலந்தாலோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Irregularities in the Madurai Mills Co-operative Stores.

* 251 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mr. Thirugnanasambandam of Madurai, sought permission of the

Registrar to take action against one Mr. T. S. Susainathan, Secretary of the Madurai Mills Co-operative Stores, for misappropriation of Rs. 30,000 from the funds of the said Stores;

(*b*) whether the Registrar refused permission and transferred the Deputy Registrar from Madurai;

(*c*) whether important documents throwing light upon the misappropriation were caused to be destroyed;

(*d*) whether any action was taken against those who destroyed the documents;

(*e*) whether any action was taken against Mr. Susainathan and if not, why; and

(*f*) whether Susainathan was subsequently promoted as Deputy Registrar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) & (*d*) No information, Sir.

" (*e*) Yes; action was taken against the Officer in 1945 for certain irregularities but there was no charge of misappropriation.

" (*f*) The Officer was promoted as Deputy Registrar considering his previous and subsequent good work."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, in view of the negative answer given by the Hon. Minister for parts (*a*) and (*b*) of the question, may I know what exactly is the nature of the misconduct on the part of the officer for taking action against him? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the charges related to certain defects in administration such as failure to take President's orders for Deepavali purchases, failure to give gate passes, etc. There was no charge of misappropriation, Sir."

Revival of Taluk Boards.

* 252 *Q*.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the stage at which the proposal of the Government to revive Taluk Boards stands now?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The matter is still under consideration."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" ஐயா, தாலூகா போர்டுகளைப் புதுப்பிப்பதன் மூலம் மக்களின் நீண்டகால ஆசையைப் பூர்த்தி செய்யவும், தாலூகா போர்டுகள் இல்லை என்ற மக்களின் நீண்டகாலக் குறையைச் சரிப்படுத்தவும் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் எப்பொழுது முன்வரப் போகிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" As early as possible, Sir."